



**Northern Corridor  
Transit and Transport  
Co-ordination Authority**

## **Measures to Limit the Spread of COVID 19 through Cross-Border Trade and Transport Logistics**

### **Dear Valued Stakeholders,**

We understand the difficult situation our Corridor finds itself in, and at Northern Corridor (NCTTCA) Secretariat, we are closely monitoring the rapidly changing Coronavirus (COVID-19) developments. Our top priority in this unsettling time is to ensure continuous supply of essential goods including medicines, fuel, and food is fully facilitated along the Northern Corridor and at the same time limit the spread of COVID-19.

In line with this and following measures announced by the six Northern Corridor Member States of Burundi, Kenya, DRC, Rwanda, South Sudan and Uganda, on mitigating the impact of the virus within the Corridor, the Northern Corridor Secretariat is taking steps in assisting and advising Member States and all Stakeholders to observe the following safety measures:

#### **1. Limit the spread of the COVID-19 through cross border Trade and Transport Logistics**

- Provide hygiene facilities at each transport node, such as ports, ICDs, CFSs, RSSs, transit border posts and inland terminals.
- Design and implement a sensitization program for transit operators and their employees;
- Designate Facilities to spray trucks and cargo at the point of loading and discharge;
- Place health workers with COVID-19 detection and testing facilities at the port and inland terminals, as well as drive wellness centers;
- Register all transit operators and their employees, formally engaged in the provision of cross-border transport services;
- Provide isolation or quarantine facilities for retention of suspected truck crew prior to testing;
- Developments Partners to assist Member States acquire more testing kits;
- To ensure that trucks/ vehicles carrying goods:
  - i. Have only 2-3 crew members per vehicle to facilitate smooth border crossing in the region;
  - ii. Crew members are in good health, screened and if found to be at high risk or positive for COVID-19, they be quarantined for 14 days and the truck decontaminated before it is allowed to continue to its final destination;
  - iii. Truck owners/ operators make necessary arrangements to backup crew to ensure that goods are delivered to the intended destination in the event that the crew are quarantined while in transit;
  - iv. Make arrangements for truck drivers to declare their final destination and ensure they stop only at designated points along the transport corridors;
  - v. Determine crew for vessels by the specifications of the ship and set international guidelines;
- Etc.

#### **2. Facilitate the implementation of National COVID-19 measures such as national lockdowns**

- Identify areas where the EAC can assist Member States in enforcing the national lock downs. This will require creating a platform for sharing information on measures put in place by member States.

#### **3. Facilitate flow of essential goods such as fuel, food and medicines**

- Put in place a mechanism at the Port of Mombasa to identify and accord priority to the clearance and transportation of essential goods (fuel, food and medicine)

#### **4. Limit unnecessary and mass movement of passengers across borders**

- Discourage or totally ban movement of inter-state passenger transport for definitive period of time.

#### **5. Harmonize and coordinate national COVID-19 policies, regulations and response measures**

- Review national policies, regulations and response measures and identify inconsistencies;
- Based on the review, pick out best practices and propose to the Member States harmonized policies, regulations and measures;
- Put in place a mechanism to enable Member States to share information on best practices and experiences in the implementations of the various measures.

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